

Editorial

Greetings from the Editor-in-Chief

I am delighted to announce that the Japanese Association for Acute Medicine is launching a new medical journal, *Acute Medicine & Surgery*, to be published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc., from 2014. *Acute Medicine & Surgery* will be a high-impact, international, peer-reviewed journal that seeks to increase understanding in a wide range of clinical areas, detailing cases of acute illness or injury. It will be dedicated to publishing accurate, timely, and significant research on acute medicine for researchers and practitioners in this area.

Acute medicine is “fundamental medicine.” Acute conditions, such as trauma, shock, and sepsis are life threatening. It is essential that we find an approach to solve these challenging conditions. Patient characteristics have been found to mirror social backgrounds around the world. For example, Japanese society is short of doctors and hospitals to take care of patients with acute conditions. As there are more and more elderly patients, the need for emergency and critical care departments is increasing. Worldwide, many patients are more frequently injured by disasters or terrorism. We treat patients in a wide variety of acute states, from common diseases such as flu, headache, fever of unknown origin, and vertigo, to life-threatening conditions, such as severe trauma, shock, sepsis, organ failure, burns, poisoning, acute coronary syndrome, and stroke.

The journal will contain pathophysiological analyses of acute illness or injury, whether the cause is medical and/or surgical. Studies of acute medicine include initial care in the emergency department, definitive treatment during acute phases of illness or injury, and may also include subsequent critical care. In addition, acute medicine studies healthcare systems for acute patients, medical control systems, and disaster medicine.

Acute Medicine & Surgery will contain original articles, brief communications, case reports, review articles, mini review articles, guidelines, letters to the editor, and editorials



relating to a published issue and/or a particular matter to be known by all.

We hope readers will appreciate the need for our new journal. Its intention is to promote the submission of important and groundbreaking papers, thereby facilitating the exchange of information among researchers and clinicians. Our goal is to contribute to more effective prevention and treatment methods for acute illness or injury. We hope that you are interested in working with us and sincerely appreciate and look forward to our collaboration with you.

Sincerely yours,

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